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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE IS BEING TRANSMITTED ON
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BEHALF OF EMBASSY KIGALI.

3. MAJOR GENERAL PAUL KAGAME, VICE PRESIDENT AND
DEFENSE MINISTER FOR THE NEW RWANDAN GOVERNMENT, MET
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF DURING THE
LATTER'S THREE-HOUR VISIT TO KIGALI ON AUGUST SEVENTH.
THE 30-MINUTE EXCHANGE TOOK PLACE AT THE VICE
PRESIDENT'S KANOMBE COMPOUND, A FEW MINUTES EAST OF
THE AIRPORT.

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4. KAGAME INDICATED THAT HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE STILL LOW NUMBER OF UN PERSONNEL SCHEDULED TO REPLACE FRENCH TROOPS IN THE AREA THEY CONTROL BY AUGUST 21ST. HE REPORTED THAT THIS FACT HAS SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS AND EXPRESSED FEAR THAT THE BELATED DEPLOYMENT OF UN TROOPS INTO THE FRENCH AREA MIGHT DELAY THEIR DEPARTURE FROM RWANDA. CJCS INDICATED WE MIGHT HELP WITH LIFT.

5. THE VP ALLEGED THAT GOVERNMENT SOLDIERS AND MEMBERS OF THE MILITIA WERE PREVENTING SOME PEOPLE FROM LEAVING THE FRENCH ZONE. ACCORDING TO KAGAME, SOME OF THE DISPLACED, PARTICULARLY CIVIL SERVANTS, HAD INDICATED THAT THEY WANTED TO RETURN HOME, BUT WERE BEING HELD AGAINST THEIR WILL. THE FRENCH HAD NOT BEEN COOPERATIVE IN ASSISTING MEMBERS OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT TO TALK TO THE POPULATION AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO RETURN TO GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED AREAS OF RWANDA. THE GOVERNMENT WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THIS, BUT WAS STILL TALKING WITH THE FRENCH.

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6. THE VICE-PRESIDENT SAID THAT THE MAJORITY OF REFUGEES WERE NOT RETURNING TO RWANDA BECAUSE FORMER GOVERNMENT SOLDIERS AND MILITIA MEMBERS WERE PREVENTING THEM FROM DOING SO. HE SUGGESTED THAT THESE "HOSTAGE"-TAKERS NEEDED TO BE IDENTIFIED AND SEPARATED FROM THE REST OF THE CAMP POPULATION. KAGAME SAID THAT A RELATIVELY LARGE NUMBER OF REFUGEES HAVE RETURNED TO RWANDA, BUT IT IS STILL INSIGNIFICANT WHEN COMPARED TO THE MASSES STILL IN CAMPS IN VARIOUS ADJACENT COUNTRIES. RELATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF THESE COUNTRIES ARE GOOD, BUT THEY HAVE NOT YET KEPT ALL THEIR PROMISES TO CONTROL OF ACTIVITIES IN THE CAMPS.

7. IN RESPONSE TO CJCS ENCOURAGEMENT TO CONTINUE SPEAKING TO THE POPULATION AND GIVING REASSURANCE THAT RETURNING REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS WOULD BE SAFE, KAGAME SAID THAT HE COULD SEND GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES IF THE SECURITY SITUATION ALLOWED. HE SAID HE COULD ALSO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON THE RADIO, BUT THAT, UNFORTUNATELY, THE EQUIPMENT CURRENTLY AVAILABLE DID NOT REACH AS FAR AS THE CAMPS. KAGAME

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ASKED FOR ASSISTANCE IN GETTING THE MESSAGE
PEOPLE AND THE CJCS SAID HE WOULD TRY TO SEE WHAT THE
UNITED STATES COULD DO TO HELP.

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8. ACCORDING TO THE VP, THE FOOD SITUATION IN RWANDA
IS NOT YET CRITICAL, BUT SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS WILL
DEVELOP WITHIN THE NEXT TWO OR THREE MONTHS IF THE
CURRENT HARVEST IS NOT COLLECTED AND A NEW ONE
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PLANTED. THE EARLIER THE REFUGEES RETURNED THE
BETTER; THE GOVERNMENT WANTED TO ALLEVIATE THEIR
SUFFERING. THE MOST DIFFICULT PROBLEM TO RESOLVE WILL
BE THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE COUNTRY'S PHYSICAL AND
POLITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE.

9. KAGAME OFFERED THAT CJCS MUST BE CONCERNED ABOUT
THE
SAFETY OF US TROOPS, AND THAT THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT
WANTED TO HELP. HE ADDED THAT RAPID LIAISON MUST BE
EFFECTED ON ANY PROBLEM, AND THAT ADVANCED PLANNING
CONCERNING US INTENTIONS AND TROOP NEEDS MUST BE
SHARED SO THAT THEY CAN BE "ACCOMMODATED." CJCS SAID
THAT WE ALREADY HAD GOOD LIAISON IN THE PERSON OF
MAJOR FRANK RUSAGARA, BUT THAT WE WOULD REDOUBLE
EFFORTS TO SHARE PLANNING.

10. CJCS NOTED THAT THE TASKS AHEAD OF THE GOVERNMENT
WERE TREMENDOUS. BUT THE GOVERNMENT BEING ESTABLISHED
IN KIGA
LI SHOULD SERVE AS A SIGN TO THE REFUGEES THAT

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THE COUNTRY IS STABLE AND SECURE FOR THEIR RETURN TO
RWANDA. THE FLOW OF RELIEF FLIGHTS TO KIGALI IS STILL
PRETTY SPARSE AT ABOUT 17 FLIGHTS PER DAY, BUT
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DIVERTING THE MAJORITY OF THEM TO RWANDA'S CAPITAL
COULD HELP PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL INCENTIVE FOR
REFUGEES TO RETURN TO THEIR COUNTRY.

11. DURING THE COURSE OF THE CONVERSATION, KAGAME
INDICATED HE WAS BORN APPROXIMATELY 50KM SOUTH OF
KIGALI, AND HAD LEFT THE COUNTRY WITH HIS PARENTS AT
THE AGE OF THREE. HE WAS LAST IN THE US IN JULY 1992.
CJSC SAID HE WOULD INVITE THE VP TO GIVE A TALK AT
FORT LEAVENWORTH, AFTER HE HAD TAKEN CARE OF MORE
PRESSING MATTERS IN HIS COUNTRY. HE TOLD KAGAME THAT

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WE WOULD DO WHAT WE COULD TO SPEED ~~UNITED STATES~~ ~~DEPARTMENT~~,
AND ASKED THAT THE VP NOT HESITATE TO LET US KNOW WHAT
HIS NEEDS ARE.

12. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. BUSH

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